

against corporations who discriminated against African Americans and other minorities. The Council organized many successful New York City boycotts and picket lines against grocery stores, furniture stores, and individuals found to be overcharging minorities. Rice's biggest victory was against the New York State Public Service Commission, forcing New York Telephone to stop charging low income residents pre-installation fees. The Harlem Consumer Education Council investigated over 100,000 complaints.

Appointed Special Consultant to the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board in the 1970s, Rice also taught consumer education at Malcolm-King College and has lectured to thousands at her workshops and seminars. In the 1990s, Rice was responsible for the Bell Atlantic Technology Center in Harlem. The center is dedicated to educating business people, students, senior citizens and other customers about the latest advances in telecommunication technologies. She has lectured in several countries, including South Africa where she was named a delegate in the first World Consumer Congress.

Florence continues to work as the first lady of consumer education in my beloved Village of Harlem. She is famed for her extraordinary commitment, energy, wisdom, discipline, principle, and clear purpose which have won the admiration of all who are privileged to come to know and work with her. I consider myself fortunate to have the opportunity to observe and experience her example as a personal inspiration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Florence Rice on her historic 90th Birthday. Her constant dedication and commitment to our community is worthy of the highest esteem.

HONORING ST. FRANCIS BORGIA
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Francis Borgia Boys Basketball team for winning the Class 4 A Missouri State Championship on March 14th.

The Knights were hungry for a win and that hunger showed.

Armed with a tenacious defense that forced 17 turnovers and fueled by their high-powered offense, the Knights walked away with a convincing 59-41 victory over the Kearney Bulldogs.

The young men and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and the playoffs.

And it just goes to show that a strong defense is the foundation for a winning offense.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the St. Francis Borgia Knights for a job well done!

IN TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
GEORGE NAPOLITANO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to George Napolitano, who passed away last week after a courageous battle with cancer. George was a great friend, a dedicated community leader and a devoted family man. He was one of the best men I have ever known. People loved George. He was kind, good-hearted, compassionate and hard-working. He will be sorely missed. To know George, was to love him. He was one of the world's really good people.

George made a lifelong commitment to community service. No matter how many other obligations he had, he could always be counted on to pitch in and take an active role. He was a member of the Tri-State Italian American Congress, a charter member of the Sons of Italy in Manhattan which he proudly served as President and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus where he was instrumental in coordinating the Youth Program. He was very active in the Powhatan Democratic Club, most recently serving as District Leader for the club. While his daughter attended high school, he was Chairman of the Parents' Association of St. Vincent Ferrer High School. For his work as a Lector and Eucharist Minister and his commitment to the Holy Name Society he was honored by the Brooklyn Diocesan Union.

He was particularly active in the Holy Name Society of the Immaculate Conception Parish. During his tenure as President, the organization experienced unprecedented growth. He also co-chaired numerous Holy Name Society dinner dances which raised funds for grants for graduating students. His hard work and selfless dedication made a real difference in the lives of many young people and community members. For his many contributions, in 2002 he was named Man of the Year and presented with an award at their annual dinner dance.

George was eventually offered an opportunity to make his community activism a career. For ten years, George worked as a legislative aide to former Assemblyman Denis J. Butler. Most recently, he joined my staff and, at the time of his death, he was managing my Queens office. He was a truly dedicated community leader who really understood what was going on in the neighborhood he served. My constituents knew that George would always offer them good advice and assistance. After he became ill, George remained deeply involved in community affairs. He attended every community meeting he could and remained active right up to the end.

George was born and raised in the Little Italy section of New York City. He attended St. Patrick's Old Cathedral School and All Hallows High School before matriculating at St. John's University where he completed his BA. Following his study at St. John's, Mr. Napolitano began working in the financial sector. In 1960, he left business to serve his country in the military. Stationed in Ft. Rucker, Alabama he was placed in charge of the Officers Payroll Department. Typically, he used his time to become involved in the community life on the

base. He coached the base's Little League team to a State Championship. George was granted an honorable discharge as Sergeant and completed an additional four years reserve training. After his service, Mr. Napolitano returned to his career in the private sector working again in the financial district before beginning a career in real estate and insurance. Along with his many other commitments, Mr. Napolitano also operates his own real estate and insurance business in Queens, New York. George leaves behind his beloved wife, Carol, his four children, Deana, Denise, Catherine, and Robert, and several grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and career of a truly good man, George Napolitano.

HONORING GARNER "MACK"
GOODE FOR HIS LONG SERVICE
TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Garner "Mack" Goode, a long-time leader in West Tennessee, who is retiring this month after more than four decades on the Crockett County Election Commission and who continues to serve our area in many other capacities.

Governor Buford Ellington and the State Board of Election Supervisors first appointed Mack as a Democratic member the Commission of Elections for Crockett County in 1967. He has remained on the board for 41 years.

Mack is also Chairman of the Gibson Electric Membership Cooperative Board of Trustees, which is important to rural communities all across West Tennessee. Mack's family has been involved in West Tennessee farming for decades, and Mack continues to manage 900 acres of crops. He also spent 42 years at the Bank of Alamo, including in the position of President and CEO. Mack served for 15 years on the Crockett County Board of Education and nine years on the Alamo City School Board. He has also served as Alamo City Alderman, a member of the Alamo/Crockett County Rotary Club and a member of the Alamo Jaycees.

Mack has done a considerable amount of volunteer work in our area over the years, including 32 years with the Crockett County Rescue Squad and 26 years with the Alamo Fire Department. He has served on the Crockett County Emergency Management Board, as a Partner in Education for Alamo City School, as a supporter of various charitable organizations and as co-founder of the Mack and Mary June Goode "Special Needs Fund for Alamo City School" Foundation.

In between his community service and farming, Mack enjoys spending time with his wife Mary June Goode and their family. Their children are Bobby and Melinda Goode, and Reece Black. Their grandchildren are Brandi and Rick Wilson, Garner and Rachel Goode, Jenna Black, Crockett Goode and Jessie Black. They have three great grandchildren, Lee Wilson, Mary Wilson and Luke Wilson. Mack is also an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer.